



 **WEST COAST  
UNIVERSITY**

**CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDIES**

## **PharmD Doctor of Pharmacy**

Pharmacists are a vital part of healthcare teams, using their knowledge of medications to help provide the best possible care for patients. From working with doctors to helping educate the public, they play an essential role in keeping the community safe and healthy. West Coast University's Doctor of Pharmacy program can help open the door to new opportunities in the expanding healthcare field. The program is designed to help educate capable and team-oriented pharmacists who are prepared to improve patient's lives.



## Mission Statement

At West Coast University, we embrace a student-centric learning partnership that leads to professional success. We deliver transformational education within a culture of integrity and personal accountability. We design market-responsive programs through collaboration between faculty and industry professionals. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students develop the competencies and confidence required in a complex and changing world.



## Values

### A Student-Centric Culture

We believe it is our institutional responsibility to identify, understand, and respond to student needs.

### The Communities We Serve

We take our responsibility to make a positive impact on the communities that surround us very seriously.

### Innovation and Creativity

We are committed to bringing innovation and creativity to the development and delivery of instruction including offering a blend of courses in-person and online.



## Accreditations

Accreditation provides an objective, third-party endorsement to students and their parents of an institution's commitment to deliver a quality education.

West Coast University is institutionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)<sup>1</sup> and holds programmatic accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)<sup>2</sup> among others.

For a full list of our accreditors visit:  
[westcoastuniversity.edu/about/accreditation/](http://westcoastuniversity.edu/about/accreditation/)

## Why Choose WCU?

At West Coast University, every part of our program is designed with student success in mind. Our faculty collaborate with industry professionals to create market-responsive programs that help give you industry-current preparation. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways for students to develop the competencies and confidence required in the evolving healthcare field.

## The West Coast University Difference

West Coast University works diligently to stay at the forefront of the healthcare industry.



### Interprofessional Education

Learn alongside students in different healthcare disciplines to develop the collaborative skills needed in today's healthcare environment.



### Technologically Advanced

Our simulation centers immerse students in dynamic simulated healthcare scenarios to help them develop both skills and confidence.



### Integrated Curriculum

Our curriculum exposes you to pathophysiology, pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, drug therapy, therapeutic monitoring, and evidence-based medicine.



### Diverse Skillsets

Clinical knowledge is not enough for today's pharmacists. At WCU, we emphasize patient care, communication, and problem solving to create capable professionals.



### NAPLEX Support

Get support as you prepare for your licensure exam, including one-on-one guidance and tutoring.



### Financial Aid

Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.

## Program Overview

West Coast University's Doctor of Pharmacy program is designed for hands-on experiential learning. Simulation labs recreate a fully equipped hospital room with high-fidelity patient-mannequins programmed to respond like actual patients. These responses allow student-pharmacists to practice their clinical skills and build their confidence in the safety of a risk-free environment. The curriculum integrates Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs) and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) in a continuum of actual pharmacy practice contexts to develop and gradually build on students' critical thinking skills and clinical abilities. Students also choose two elective rotations in pharmacy practice settings aligned with their career interests.

The goal of the PharmD program is to develop capable, well-rounded entry-level professionals who can provide patient-centered care and practice at most major pharmacy sites.



*It was a great experience to go on rotation and get to work alongside some of the faculty here; and see their day-to-day professional lives and seeing how they applied their education background to the field of pharmacy<sup>3</sup>.*

— **Ross P.**  
PharmD '19  
West Coast University Alumni

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CURRICULUM					
TRIMESTER	TERM	COURSE CODE	CR	COURSE TITLE	COURSE TYPE
1	1	PHAR 601L	1	Longitudinal Skills Lab II	Lab
	1	PHAR 635	3	Pharmaceutics II	Lecture
	1	PHAR 637	4	Biosystems II	Lecture
	1	PHAR 639	5	Pharmacy Practice Foundations II	Lecture
	1	PHAR 641	3	Principles of Drug Action	Lecture
	1	PHAR 699A	3	IPPE-1 Community Practice	Externship
2	2	PHAR 602L	1	Longitudinal Skills Lab II	Lab
	2	PHAR 636	3	Pharmaceutics II	Lecture
	2	PHAR 638	4	Biosystems II	Lecture
	2	PHAR 640	4	Pharmacy Practice Foundations II	Lecture
	2	PHAR 642	4	Principles of Drug Action	Lecture
	2	PHAR 699B	0	IPPE-1 Community Practice	Lecture
3	2	PHAR 501	0	Co-Curricular Experience I	Externship
	3	PHAR 701L	1	Longitudinal Skills Lab III	Lab
	3	PHAR 735	4	IPC Cardiopulmonary and Renal I	Lecture
	3	PHAR 737	4	IPC Cardiopulmonary and Renal II	Lecture
	3	PHAR 739	4	Pharmacokinetics	Lecture
	3	PHAR 741	3	Institutional Pharmacy Practice	Lecture
	3	PHAR 798	1	IPE (Simulation) I	Lab
	3	PHAR 799A	3	IPPE-2 Institutional Practice	Externship
4	3	Electives	-	#N/A	Lecture
	4	PHAR 702L	1	Longitudinal Skills Lab IV	Lab
	4	PHAR 736	3	US Healthcare and Public Health	Lecture
	4	PHAR 738	2	Pharmacogenomics & Biotechnology	Lecture
	4	PHAR 740	3	IPC Cardiopulmonary and Renal III	Lecture
	4	PHAR 742	4	IPC Endocrine	Lecture
	4	PHAR 744	3	IPC Gastrointestinal/Nutrition	Lecture
	4	PHAR 798	1	IPE (Simulation) I	Lab
	4	PHAR 799B	0	IPPE-2 Institutional Practice	Lecture
5	4	Electives	-	#N/A	Lecture
	4	PHAR 502	0	Co-Curricular Experience II	Externship
	5	PHAR 801L	1	Longitudinal Skills Lab V	Lab
	5	PHAR 835	4	IPC Neurology/Psychiatry	Lecture
	5	PHAR 837	3	IPC Infectious Diseases I	Lecture
	5	PHAR 839	3	IPC Infectious Diseases II	Lecture
	5	PHAR 841	2	Pharmacy Practice Management	Lecture
	5	PHAR 898	1	IPE (Simulation) II	Lab
6	5	PHAR 899A	3	IPPE-3 Selective Elective	Externship
	5	Electives	-	#N/A	Lecture
	6	PHAR 802L	2	Capstone Skills Lab	Lab
	6	PHAR 836	2	Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Science	Lecture
	6	PHAR 838	2	Pharmacy Law & Ethics	Lecture
	6	PHAR 840	4	IPC Immunologic Conditions and Special Populations	Lecture
	6	PHAR 842	4	IPC Hematology & Oncology	Lab
	6	PHAR 898	1	IPE (Simulation) II	Lab
7	6	PHAR 899B	0	IPPE-3 Selective Elective	Lecture
	6	Electives	-	#N/A	Lecture
	7	PHAR 990	0	Independent Studies: A Course for Self-Directed Learning	Lecture
	7	PHAR 991	6	APPE - Acute Care Practice	Externship
8	7	PHAR 992	6	APPE - Hospital Practice	Externship
	7	PHAR 993	6	APPE - Community Practice	Externship
	8	PHAR 994	6	APPE - Ambulatory Care Practice	Externship
	8	PHAR 995	6	APPE - Elective I	Externship
9	8	PHAR 996	6	APPE - Elective II	Externship
	8	PHAR 503	0	Co-Curricular Experience III	Externship
	9	PHAR 997	0	Board Preparation I	Lecture
	9	PHAR 998	0	Board Preparation II	Lecture
9	9	PHAR 999	0	Board Preparation III	Lecture

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Link to O*Net OnLine	SOC Code
<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1051.00">www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1051.00</a>	29-1051.00
Program Costs	Estimated Total Program Cost
Program cost includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, and shipping for the entire program. Assumes full-time credit load and normal completion	\$197,036.50
CALIFORNIA — BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)	
On-time Completion Rate	80%
The number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length within 2019 divided by the number of students who began the program who were scheduled to complete the program within 100% of the published program length within 2019 and excludes all students who cancelled during the cancellation period, minus the number of students who have died, been incarcerated, or been called to active military duty.	
Job Placement Rate	48%
The number of 2019 graduates gainfully employed in the field divided by the number of graduates available for employment. Graduates employed in the field means graduates who beginning within six months after a student completes the applicable educational program are gainfully employed, whose employment has been reported, and for whom the institution has documented verification of 35 days employment. For occupations for which the state requires passing an examination, the six months' period begins after the announcement of the examination results for the first examination available after a student completes an applicable educational program.	
Licensure Passage Rate	64.28%
The number of graduates who passed the exam divided by the number of graduates who took the reported licensing exam.	
<b>1</b> West Coast University is accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a regional accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1001 Marina Village Parkway Suite 402, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 748-9001, <a href="http://www.wscuc.org">www.wscuc.org</a>	
<b>2</b> West Coast University School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603-4810, 312-644-3575; fax 866-228-26431, web site <a href="http://www.acpe-accredit.org">www.acpe-accredit.org</a> . The Doctor of Pharmacy program at WCU of received Accredited status in 2018. The accreditation term granted for the Doctor of Pharmacy program extends until June 30, 2024. The professional program of the School and its accreditation status is designated on ACPE's website, <a href="http://www.acpe-accredit.org">www.acpe-accredit.org</a> . PLEASE NOTE THAT LICENSURE TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACIST IS REQUIRED IN EVERY STATE. HOWEVER, THE EXAM AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS VARY BY STATE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RESEARCH THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO PRACTICE.	
<b>3</b> The opinion is the individual's sole opinion and not necessarily representative of that of the school, any instructor or any other student.	
WCU provides career guidance and assistance but cannot guarantee employment. Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.	

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